



Commonwealth of Virginia

Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security

1. Governor's Military & Veterans' Bills

HB 2146 (O'Bannon) – Virginia War Memorial Division; powers and duties

- Provides for the powers and duties of the Virginia War Memorial division of the Department of Veterans Services. The bill removes certain powers and duties from the Virginia War Memorial Board and places those duties under the Virginia War Memorial.

HB 1461 (Lingamfelter) / SB 1242 (Stuart) – Eligibility for in-state tuition charges; military

- Clarifies eligibility for in-state tuition of current and former military personnel and their dependents. The bill also grants eligibility for in-state tuition charges to veterans residing within the Commonwealth.

HB 1853 (Knight) / SB 1029 (Reeves) – Planning and zoning; effects of development on military installations

- Requires any local planning commission to consult with the commander of a military installation that will be affected by development within the locality in order to reasonably protect the installation against potential adverse effects of development.

HB 1750 (Tata) / SB 1191 (Martin) – Participation in interscholastic programs; students residing on a military or naval reservation

- Requires any student who resides on a military or naval reservation with military-owned housing located wholly or partly within the geographical boundaries of multiple school divisions to be deemed eligible for interscholastic programs immediately upon enrollment in a public elementary or secondary school in any of the aforementioned school divisions, provided that such persons (i) satisfy all other requirements for eligibility and (ii) are dependents of a military service member required by the military to live on the military installation as evidenced by a statement on command letterhead signed by, or by direction of, the service member's commanding officer.

2. General Assembly Military & Veterans' Legislation

HB 1497 (Stolle) – Participation in public school interscholastic programs by students in military families

- Prohibits public elementary or secondary schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student (i) who moved out of the school's attendance area because his parent is a full-time, active duty member of the uniformed services and received orders to relocate and who subsequently moved back into the school's attendance area or (ii) who continues to live in the school's attendance area but whose parent moved out of the school's attendance area because that parent is a full-time, active duty member of the uniformed services and received orders to relocate. The bill does not affect a school board's discretion to admit a student and charge tuition for his attendance at a public school in the local school division if the student is not deemed to reside in the local school division.

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HB 1703 (Iaquinto) – Municipal deed restrictions on certain property in Virginia Beach

- Provides that certain deed restrictions shall include the ability to enter into public-private partnerships with nonprofit entities that provide services for the benefit of veterans and disabled persons.

HB 1906 (Anderson) / SB 829 (Puller) – Department of Veterans Services; programs to reduce unemployment among veterans

- Provides for the Department of Veterans Services to develop a comprehensive program to reduce unemployment among veterans by assisting businesses to attract, hire, train, and retain veterans.

HB 2027 (Dudenhefer) – In-state tuition; active duty members

- Allows any active duty member, activated guard or reservist member, or guard or reservist member mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more to pay no more than the in-state tuition rate to attend a public institution of higher education if he resides in Virginia. Currently, such an individual is required to be stationed or assigned to work in Virginia *and* reside in Virginia to receive the rate of no more than in-state tuition.

HB 2038 (Jones) – Fees in lieu of real property taxes; Fort Monroe

- Modifies the method of determining the amount of fees in lieu of real property taxes owed by the Fort Monroe Authority by ensuring that properties at Fort Monroe that would be taxed by the City of Hampton if privately held will be charged a fee in lieu of taxes, but that properties at Fort Monroe that would not be taxed by the City if privately held will be exempt from the fee. The bill also permits the Fort Monroe Authority to appeal the assessed value of its property used in calculating the fee.

HB 2042 (May) – DMV; customer service

- Modifies requirements for (i) release by DMV of vehicle title information, (ii) automated electronic payments to the DMV, (iii) temporary motorcycle operator licenses, and (iv) deactivation, extension, and reactivation of vehicle registration. This bill also allows DMV to issue veteran ID cards.

HB 2175 (K. Cox) – Veterans care center; construction in Northern Virginia

- Authorizes the Governor to request federal funds to construct a new veterans care center in Northern Virginia, and requires the State Treasurer to issue a short-term treasury loan in an amount up to \$28.5 million for the state share of construction costs, once the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that federal funds will be allocated for the new center.

HB 2231 (Rush) – Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund; amount of financial assistance

- Specifies that qualified survivors and dependents are eligible for financial assistance from the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund in an amount up to \$2,000 or as provided in the appropriation act for board and room charges, books and supplies, and other expenses at any public institution of higher education or other public accredited postsecondary institution granting a degree, diploma, or certificate in the Commonwealth.

HB 2317 (Anderson) / SB 1363 (Vogel) – Firearms; residency of armed forces members

- Provides that residency for members of the armed forces for the purpose of firearms purchases in the Commonwealth shall include both the member's permanent duty post and the nearby state in which the member resides and from which he commutes to the permanent duty post.

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HJ 551 (Ramadan) – Constitutional amendment (first resolution); real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action

- Provides that the General Assembly may provide a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of members of the military who are killed in action. Such tax exemption may not be claimed by a surviving spouse who has remarried.

SB 857 (Blevins) – Higher education; in-state tuition for military dependents

- Expands eligibility for in-state tuition to certain dependents of active duty military personnel, or activated or temporarily mobilized reservists or guard members, who are either (i) assigned unaccompanied orders and immediately prior to receiving such unaccompanied orders were assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace geographically located in Virginia, or in a state contiguous to Virginia or the District of Columbia, and resided in Virginia or (ii) assigned unaccompanied orders with Virginia listed as the designated place move.

SB 942 (Reeves) – Certificate of public need; amendment of charity care provisions upon expansion of the state program of medical assistance

- Provides that the Commissioner of Health may accept and approve requests for amendments to certain conditions of existing certificates of public need. The bill also requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, Virginia Health Information Exchange, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and other industry stakeholders, to review the provisions of § 32.1-102.4 as amended by this act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as both relate to the Commissioner's imposition of conditions on certificates of public need.

SB 987 (Miller) – Memorialization of fallen Virginians at the Virginia War Memorial

- Codifies the criteria, as was required by legislation adopted in 2009, for inclusion on the Shrine of Memory at the Virginia War Memorial of Virginians who died while serving in the armed forces.

SB 1053 (Wagner) – Boating safety education

- Exempts United States Navy qualified surface warfare officers or qualified enlisted surface warfare specialists from having to pass a boating safety education course in order to operate a motorboat.

SB 1064 (Herring) – Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security; powers and duties

- Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security to work with veterans services organizations and counterparts in other states to monitor and encourage the timely and accurate processing of veterans benefit requests by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

SB 1298 (Puller) – Special license plates

- Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for active duty members, retirees, or honorably discharged veterans with six months of service in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Air Force.